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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Ortowski et al.

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For: A MODULAR SYSTEM INTERFACE APPARATUS

FIRST RESPONSE (WITH AMENDMENTS)

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

The Office Action mailed *Dec. 5, 2001* (Paper No. 2) has been carefully considered. In response thereto, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 50-1078.

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JWm.